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SUBJECT: SOVIETS TOUGHEN APPROACH TO ISRAEL

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1. SUMMARY: PRAVDA ARTICLE NOVEMBER 30 STEPS UP ATTACK
ON ISRAEL BY ACCUSING HER OF TRYING TO PURSUE PRE-OCTOBER
COURSE. ARTICLE CITES HUMANITE TO EFFECT THAT ISRAEL

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INTENDS TO "TORPEDO" PEACE CONFERENCE, AND SAYS TEL AVIV

ASSUMING "SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY" IN OBSTRUCTING SETTLEMENT.
END SUMMARY.

2. PRAVDA ARTICLE ON ME SETTLEMENT (PERSADA) ACCUSES ISRAELI RULING CIRCLES OF PLACING EVERY POSSIBLE OBSTACLE IN WAY OF ME POLITICL SETTLEMENT. WRITER RECOUNTS FAMILIAR CHARGES THAT ISRAEL VIOLATED CEASE-FIRE PROVISION OF SC RES. 338, REFUSES TO HONOR POINT TWO OF ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN "PROTOCOL," AND IS TAKING STEPS TO CONSOLIDATE HER POSITION IN NEWLY OCCUPIED LANDS. PERSADA ALSO QUOTES DAYAN AS SAYING THAT AIM OF SC RESOLUTION ON ME PEACE CONFERENCE IS TO FORCE ISRAEL O CAPITULATE AND THAT ISRAEL DOES NOT INTEND TO WITHDRAW ITS FORCES FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

3. PERSADA SAYS WORLD PRESS SEES SUCH DECLARATIONS AS DANGEROUS NEW MANIFESTATION OF ISRAELI EXPANSIONISM AND QUOTES PARIS CP PAPER HUMANITE TO EFFECT THAT ISRAEL "CLEARLY INTENDS TO 'TORPEDO' SETTLEMENT" AND THAT DAYAN STATEMENTS ARE "REAL DECLARATION OF WAR."

4. WRITER CONCLUDES THAT ISRAEL IS ATTEMPTING TO PURSUE SAME COURSE SHE DID FOLLOWING 1967 WAR "FORGETTING THAT THIS IS NO LONGER 1967." HE SAYS THAT BY DISREGARDING RESOLUTIONS OF UN AND SABOTAGING PRACTICAL STEPS LEADING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE RESOLUTIONS ISRAEL IS ASSUMING A SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY.

5. COMMENT: PRAVDA ARTICLE'S ACCUSATION THAT ISRAEL IS PURSUING COURSE CLEARLY DESIGNED TO SABOTAGE SETTLEMENT EFFORTS GOES BEYOND NEW TIMES PIECE (REFTEL) WHICH SAID ISRAEL MIGHT PURSUE SUCH A COURSE. ARTICLE IS TOUGHEST CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL TO APPEAR IN SOME TIME AND LAYS FURTHER GROUND FOR SOVIETS TO TAKE LINE THAT ANY BREAK-DOWN IN PREPARATIONS FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL BE ISRAEL'S FAULT.
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